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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH JODY POWELL

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FRIDAY

MR. POWELL: I have no announcements to make this afternoon. I will be glad to take your questions.

Q Schlesinger indicated on the Today Show that California wasn't getting any more oil. What is going on there?

MR. POWELL: The reference was to, I believe, a concern expressed by at least one Governor and perhaps some others, a concern based on a rather profound misunderstanding of the facts of the situation; that in the particular statement of the Governor of Oregon, he expressed concern based on his mistaken belief that when we refer to a projection of 100 percent of 1978 supplies sometime this summer, that that projection applied only to California, and that California would be receiving 100 percent of its 1978 supplies, or allocation, while the rest of the country was receiving 80 or 90 percent, and that this would be accomplished, in fact, by taking gas away from other States and giving it to California.

As most of you know, that is not, in fact, what is happening. We have made our best effort to make sure anybody that has misunderstood that in the past, now is more knowledgeable about the facts.

Q What in fact will California receive?

MR. POWELL: It depends to a major extent

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